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SUBJECT: FURTHER FRG DEFENSE MINISTRY VIEWS ON NUCLEAR
COOPERATION, BURDENSARING AND MBFR.

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SUMMARY: BESIDES MBFR STATIONED/INDIGENOUS ISSUE
(REFTTEL),DEFENSE MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WIECK
AND MILITARY POLICY AND PLANS DIRECTOR TREBESCH ALSO
OFFERED COMMENTS TO EMBOFF JULY 24 ON NUCLEAR
COOPERATION, BURDENSARING AND OTHER ASPECTS OF MBFR.
END SUMMARY.

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1. NUCLEAR COOPERATION. EMBOFF ASKED WIECK TO EXPLAIN

WHY MINISTERS SCHEEL AND LEBER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN MAKING RATHER CONSCIOUS AND INTENSIFIED PUBLIC EFFORT IN THE LAST TEN DAYS TO VOICE CRITICISM OF PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE. EMBOFF NOTED LEBER'S REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR FORCE AS AN "ILLUSION" (BONN 10538) AND SIMILAR COMMENTS BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT (B-ONN 10481). WIECK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CHANCELLOR AND THE TWO MINISTERS HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN CONSCIOUS EFFORT, THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND VIA PRESS BACKGROUNDEERS, TO OPPOSE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CURRENT NATO STRATEGY, WHICH RESTS HEAVILY ON US JOINT NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL GUARANTEE. WIECK SAID IT HAS BEEN THE GERMAN PURPOSE TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUED VALIDITY AND CREDIBILITY OF NATO AND TO POINT OUT THAT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION COULD ONLY BE SUPPORTED BY A VIABLE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL UNION, A PROSPECT WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED LAY MANY YEARS IN THE FUTURE. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, TREBESCH MADE MANY OF THE SAME POINTS, ADDING HIS VIEW THAT FRANCE "WOULD NOT AGREE TO SHARE ITS NUCLEAR SECRETS UNTIL A GENUINE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORMED". SINCE TREBESCH BELIEVED THE FRENCH WOULD NOT WISH TO SHARE THEIR NUCLEAR INFORMATION, THE FRENCH WERE NOT TROUBLED BY THE RATHER LENGTHY AND UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

2. BURDENSARING. WIECK TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTER LEBER IS HIGH CONSCIOUS OF INCREASINGLY URGENT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES FOR REDUCTIONS IN US MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS IN EUROPE AND HAS OFTEN REITERATED HIS WISH TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN THE BURDEN-SHARING FIELD. BUT WIECK SAID HE WISHED TO TELL EMBOFF PRIVATELY THAT, WITH OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS ALSO IMMEDIATELY AHEAD AND NO VISIBLE READINESS TO HELP COMING FROM OTHER EUROPEAN NATO ALLIES, PROSPECTS FOR SIGNIFICANT GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS IN BURDENSARING

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(VICE OFFSET) FIELD WERE UNPROMISING.

3. MBFR. BOTH WIECK AND TREBESCH SAID THEY THOUGHT
LEBER HAD BEEN WISE TO RAISE THE STATIONED/INDIGENOUS
ISSUE IN SUCH A DIRECT FASHION AT THE JUNE 7 DPC
MINISTERIAL; THIS HAD PRESENTED THE MINISTER'S CONCERNS
DIRECTLY TO HIS ALLIED COLLEAGUES. OUR SOURCES ALSO
EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE LEBER ATTACHED TO OBTAINING
"BALANCE" IN AN MBFR AGREEMENT.

4. DEFMIN ROLE IN MBFR. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE
FONOFF IS THE MAIN ACTION DEPARTMENT FOR MBFR, TREBESCH
SAID LEBER'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT HAS
PERMITTED THE DEFENSE MINISTRY TO BECOME MUCH MORE
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ACTIVE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE MBFR SUBJECT
MATTER. IN PARTICULAR, TREBESCH SAID THE MAIN
RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY RESTS WITH
BUNDESWEHR GENERAL INSPECTOR ZIMMERMANN AND THAT
TREBESCH, AS DIRECTOR FOR MILITARY POLICY AND PLANS,
IS THE SENIOR ACTION OFFICER WITHIN THE MINISTRY.
TREBESCH SAID THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S PRINCIPAL
RESPONSIBILITY RELATES TO MILITARY ASPECTS OF MBFR,
PARTICULARLY ESTABLISHING THE VALIDITY OF FACTS AND
FIGURES. TREBESCH'S OFFICE WORKS CLOSELY WITH WIECK'S
POLICY PLANNING STAFF; THESE TWO OFFICES, UNDER THE

DIRECTION OF LEBER AND ZIMMERMANN, COORDINATE GERMAN
MBFR POLICY WITH FONOFF AND CHANCELLERY REPS, UNDER
THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER
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